

### **REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2003.

Claims 1, 6, 15, 27 and 28 are amended, claims 7, 16, 18 and 25 are canceled; as a result, claims 1-6, 8-15, 17, 19-24 and 26-28 are now pending in this application.

#### **Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the 1449 Form, listing all references that were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 8, 2003, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next official communication.

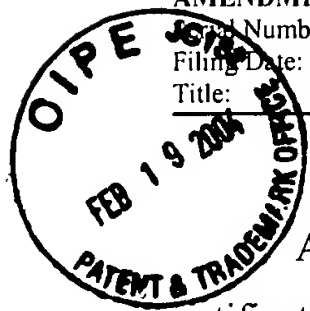
#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 7, 9, 16, 18 and 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The language of these claims has been incorporated into each independent claim, thus overcoming the rejection. Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Serial Number: 09/993528

Filing Date: November 14, 2001

Title: LOW LOSS INTEGRATED OPTIC SWITCH

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6954 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

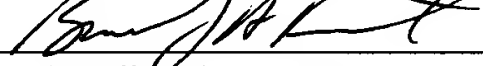
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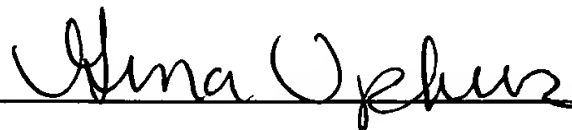
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